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Police Reported Crime Statistics in Canada, 2011

Western and Regina Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) Details¹

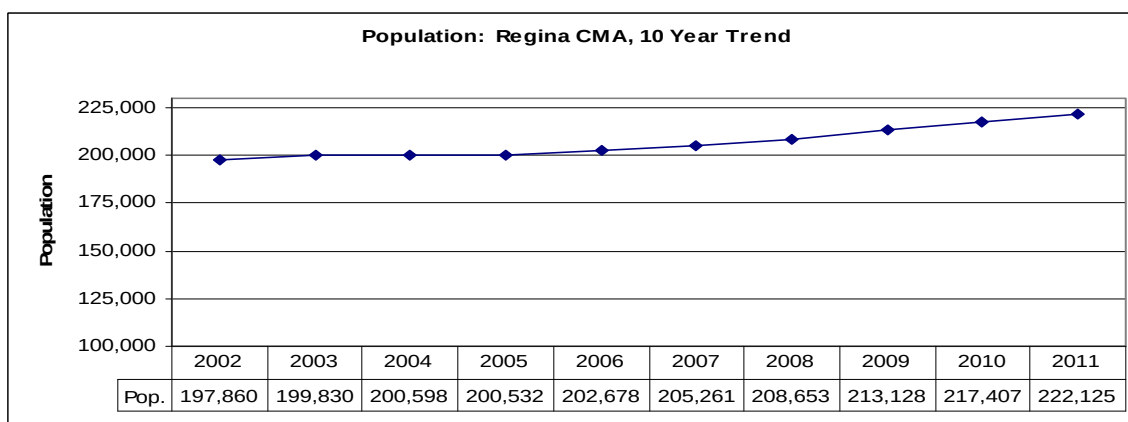
The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (CCJS) has highlighted five categories in this report: total crime, violent crime, property crime (non-violent crime), crime severity, and youth crime. The crime rate in the Regina CMA² was the lowest it has been since 1991 (the earliest year for which CCJS data is available at the CMA level). Below are the changes from 2010 to 2011 for the Regina CMA highlighted in the report.

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>10 Yr Trend</u>
1. Total Crime Rate* excluding traffic-related offences	-3%	-33%
2. Violent Crime Rate	-8%	-25%
• Number of Homicides	7	
• Robbery Rate	-25%	-33%
3. Property Crime Rate	-2%	-44%
• Break and Enter	5%	-59%
• Motor Vehicle Theft	-13%	-66%
4. Police Reported Total Crime Severity Index (PRCSI)³	-6%	-40%
• Violent Crime Severity Index (PRVCSI)	-18%	-28%
• Non-Violent Crime Severity (NVCSI)	0%	-43%

CCJS highlighted four specific crime classes of interest. In addition to the rates for Total Crime (excluding traffic), the report also included rates for Homicide, Robbery, Break and Enter, and Motor Vehicle Theft. From 2010 to 2011 in the Regina CMA, the rates of Total Crime, Total Violent Crime, Robbery, and Motor Vehicle Theft all decreased. Break and Enter was an exception with an increase from 2010 to 2011.

Population

In 2011, the recorded population in the Regina CMA was 222,125 according to the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics. From 2010 to 2011, Regina's CMA population increased by **2%** and 12% since 2002.⁴



¹ Because the CCJS identifies “substantial regional differences in crime rates”, this report focuses on the western region.

² The Regina CMA crime statistics are inclusive of the City of Regina as well as RCMP jurisdictions of Lumsden, Regina Beach, Belle Plaine, Pense, Rowatt, Richardson, White City, Pilot Butte, Balgonie, and Edenwold.

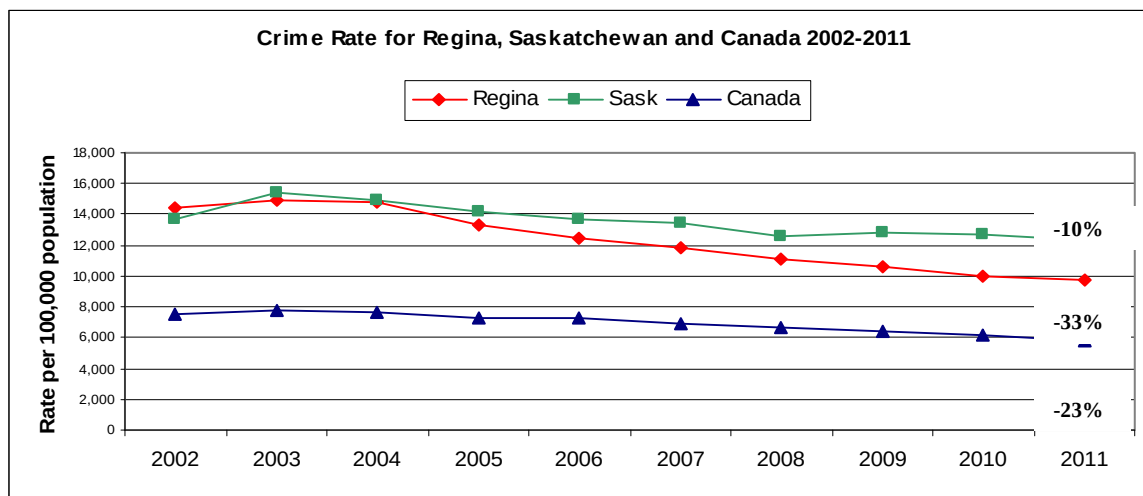
³ The crime severity index differs from the crime rate in that it includes all offences that are reported to police (Measuring Crime in Canada: Introducing the Crime Severity Index and Improvements to the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey Crime Severity Index. Page 9.)

⁴ The population estimates are based on the data published by CCJS in the Beyond 20/20 Web Data Server July 24th 2012.

Total Crime

The Regina CMA reported a total crime rate (excluding traffic) of 9,706 per 100,000 population which is a **3%** decrease from the previous year⁵ and a 33% decrease from 2002. Although this is the lowest rate the Regina CMA has reported in the past ten years and the lowest crime rate recorded for this area since 1991 (percent change = -35%), the total crime rate for the Regina CMA was the highest in Canada in 2011.

Regina's crime rate reduction over the last decade was more than twice the reduction for Canada generally and over three times the reduction in Saskatchewan.

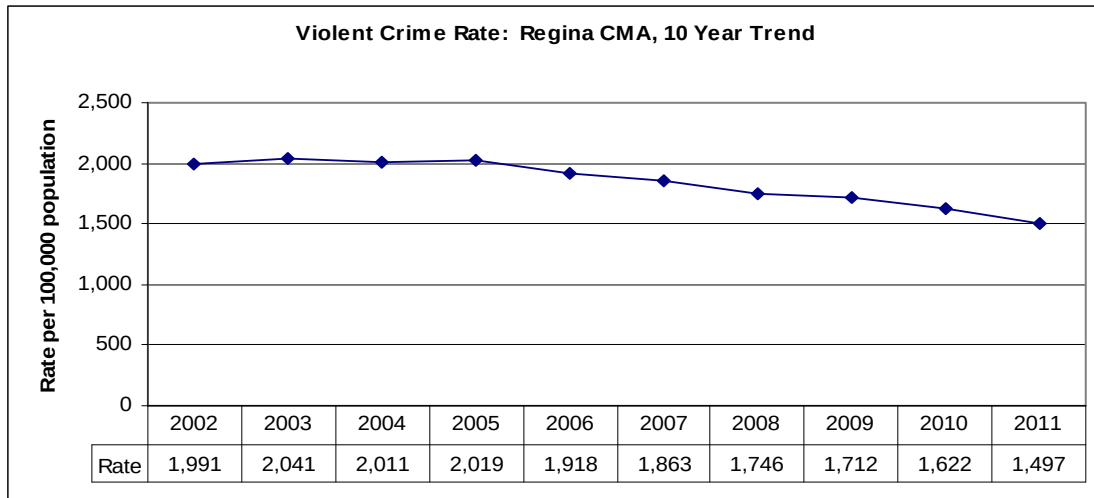


The reduction in crime rate in the Regina CMA between 2010 and 2011 was **3%** compared to a **6%** reduction for Canada.

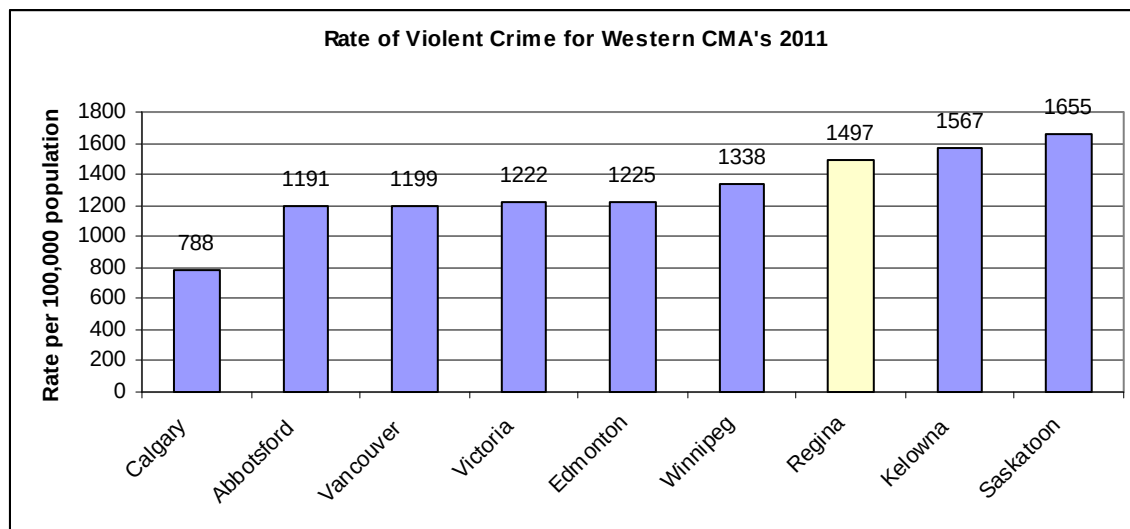
⁵ The crime rate includes all Criminal Code incidents but excludes all traffic, drug, and federal statute offences.

Violent Crime

From 2010 to 2011, the rate of violent crime decreased by **8%** and 25% over the last decade. Unlike property crimes that count the number of incidents, violent crime counts are counts of the number of victims, not the number of events. Therefore, if one robbery event occurs with three victims, the count of robbery would be 3 rather than 1. Conversely, one mischief with three victims would still be counted as one event.

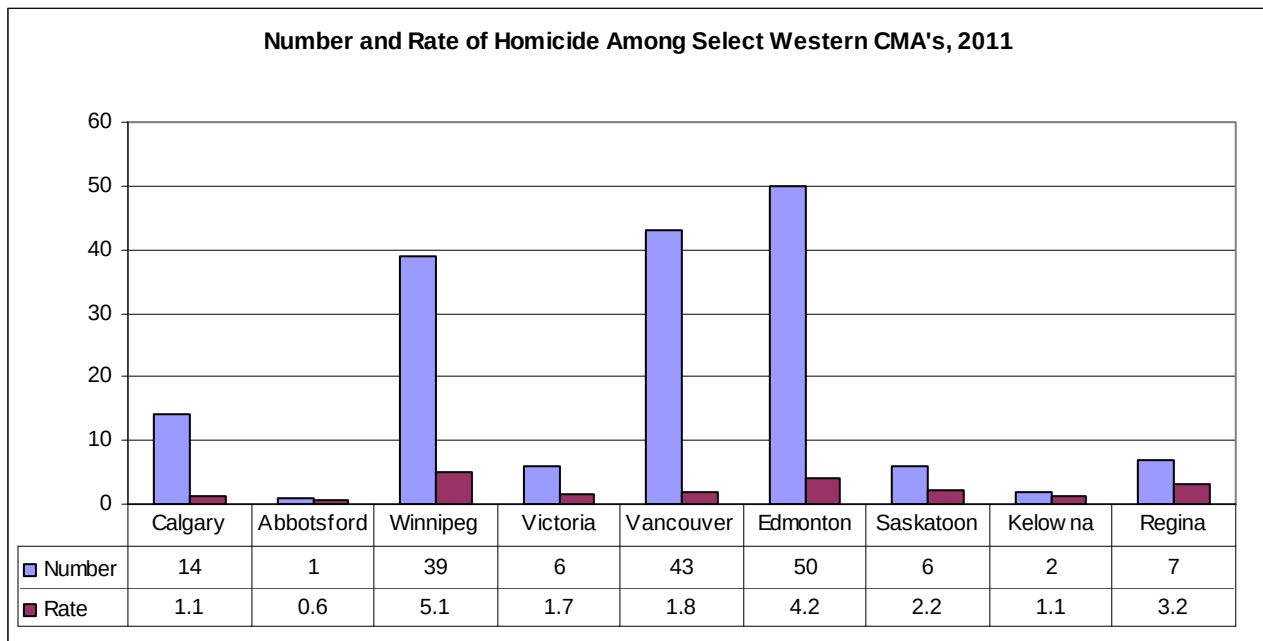


The Regina CMA ranked third in the rate of violent crime in 2010 compared to other western CMA's and fifth in Canada.



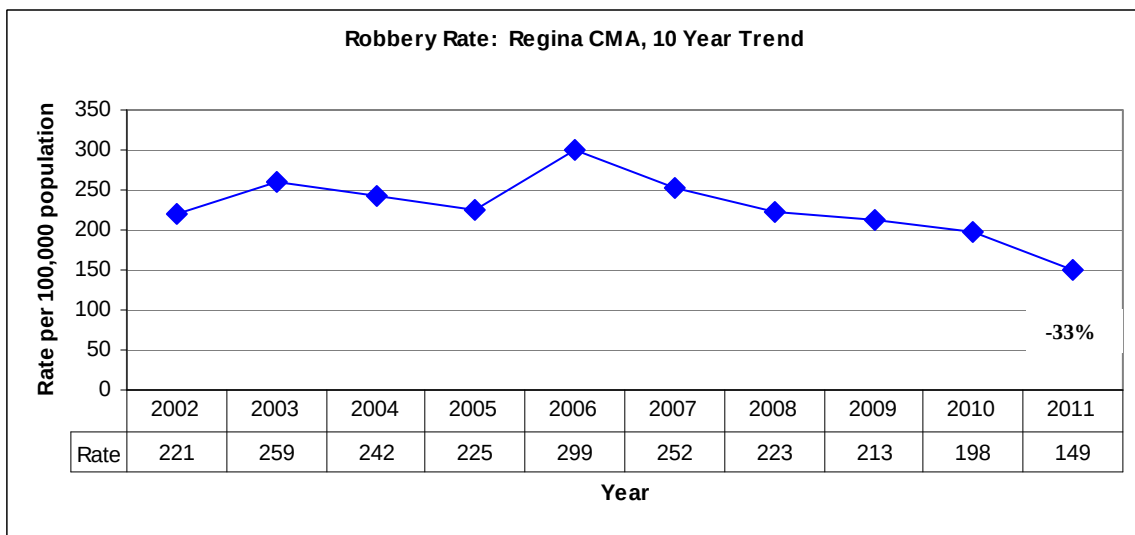
Homicide

There were 7 homicides in Regina in 2011 compared to 8 in 2010. The rate of homicide in Regina was 3.2.

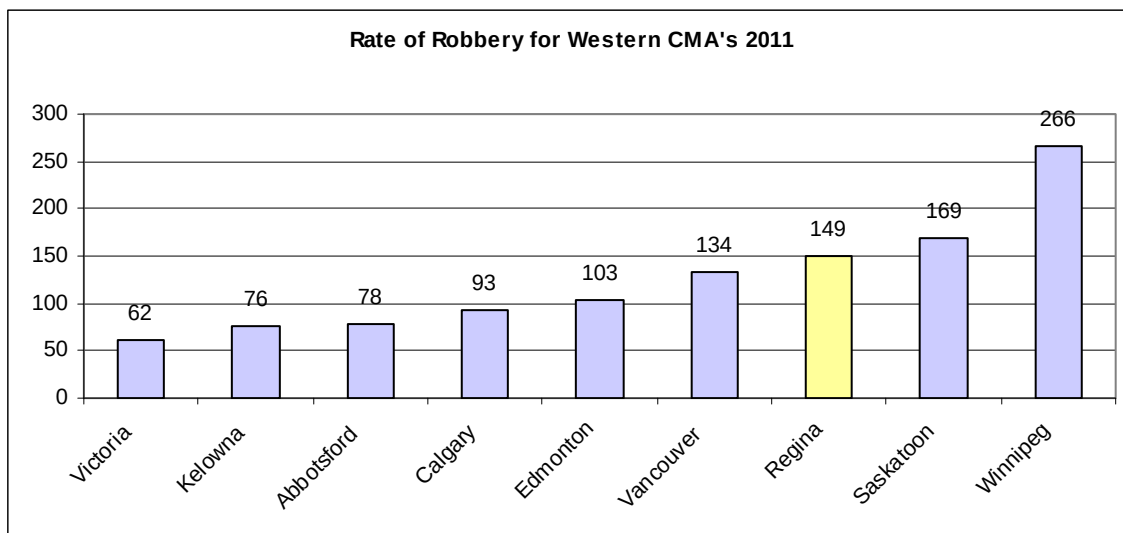


Robbery

The rate of robbery decreased by 25% from 2010 to 2011 and 33% over the last decade.



The Regina CMA reported the third highest rate of robbery in Canada and among western CMA's in 2011. The rate of robbery in the Regina CMA over the last decade has been more than three times the reduction for Canada.

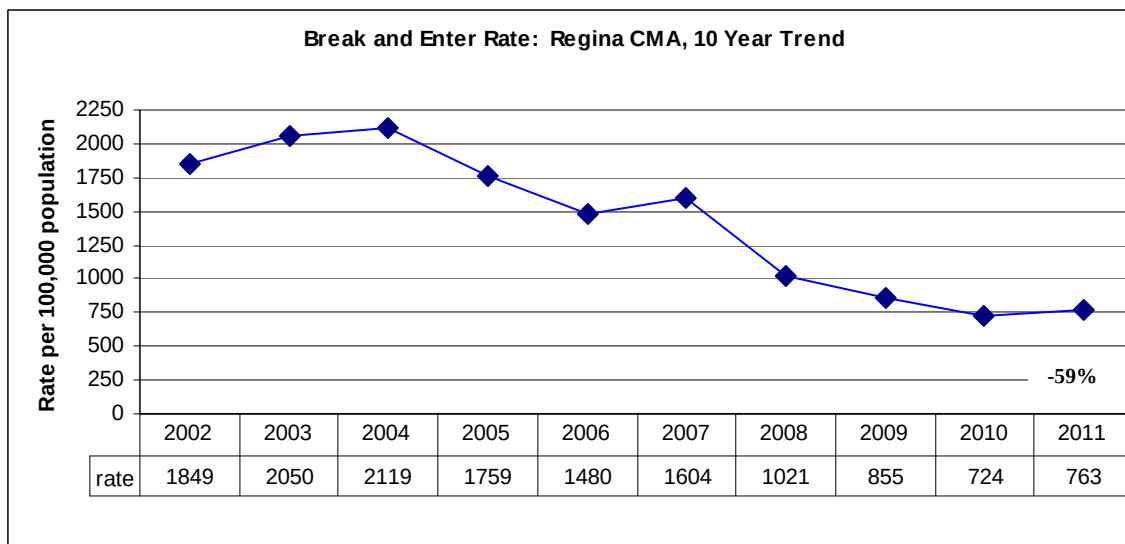


Property Crime

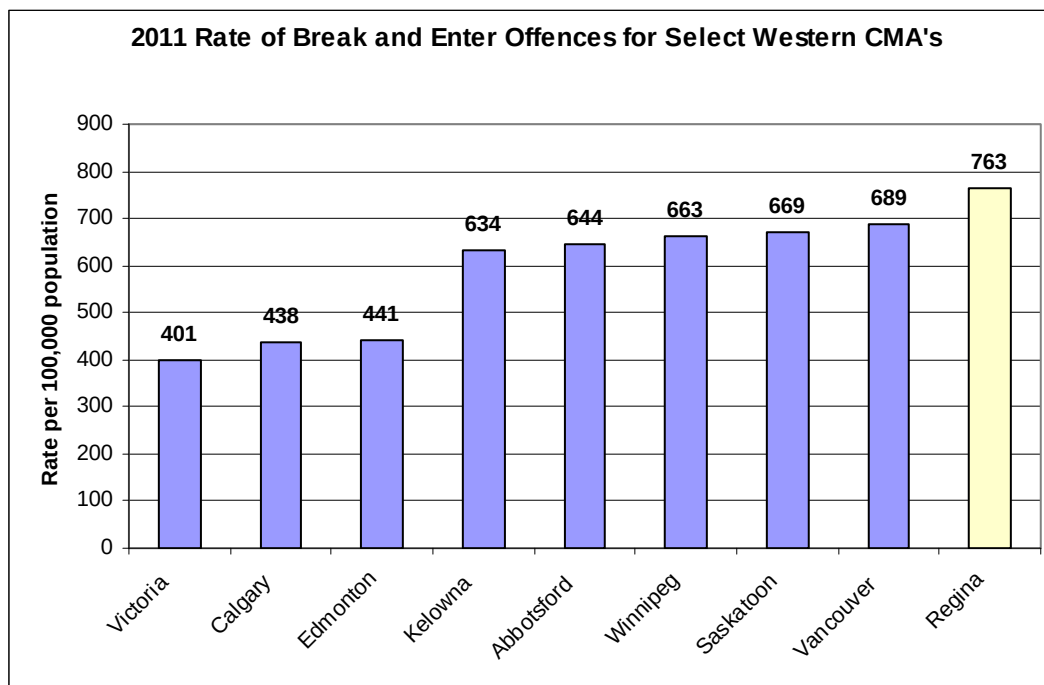
From 2010 to 2011, the rate of property crime in the Regina CM decreased by 2% and, 44% over the last decade. Property crime counts are based on the number of incidents reported to police, not the number of victims like in the case of violent crime.

Break and Enter

The rate of Break and Enter **increased** by 5% from 2010 to 2011, but has decreased by 59% since 2002.

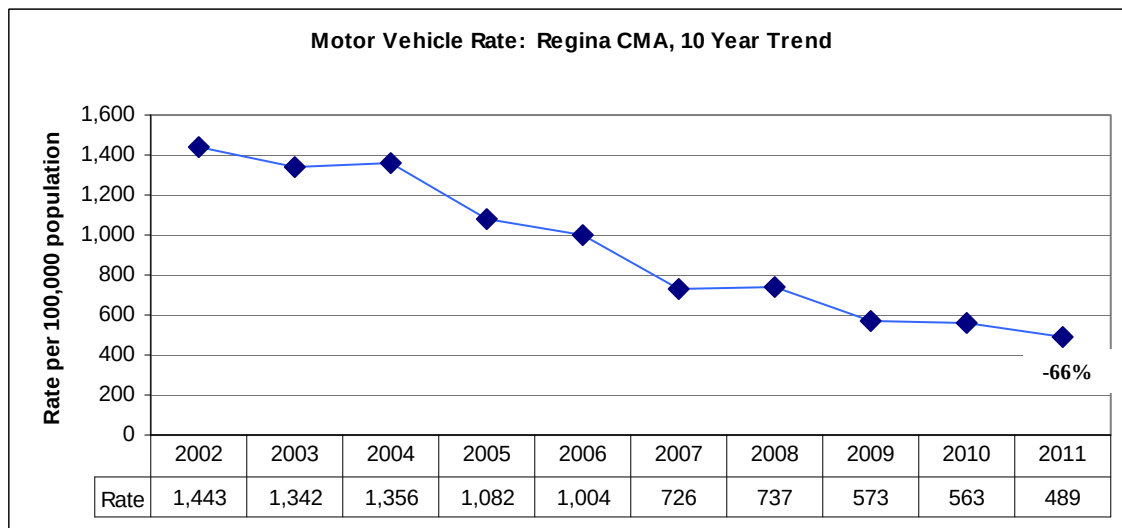


The Regina CMA ranked seventh in the rate of break and enter compared to 33 other CMA's, but the highest compared to western CMA's. The rate of reduction in the Regina CMA over the last decade has exceeded the rate decrease for Canada.

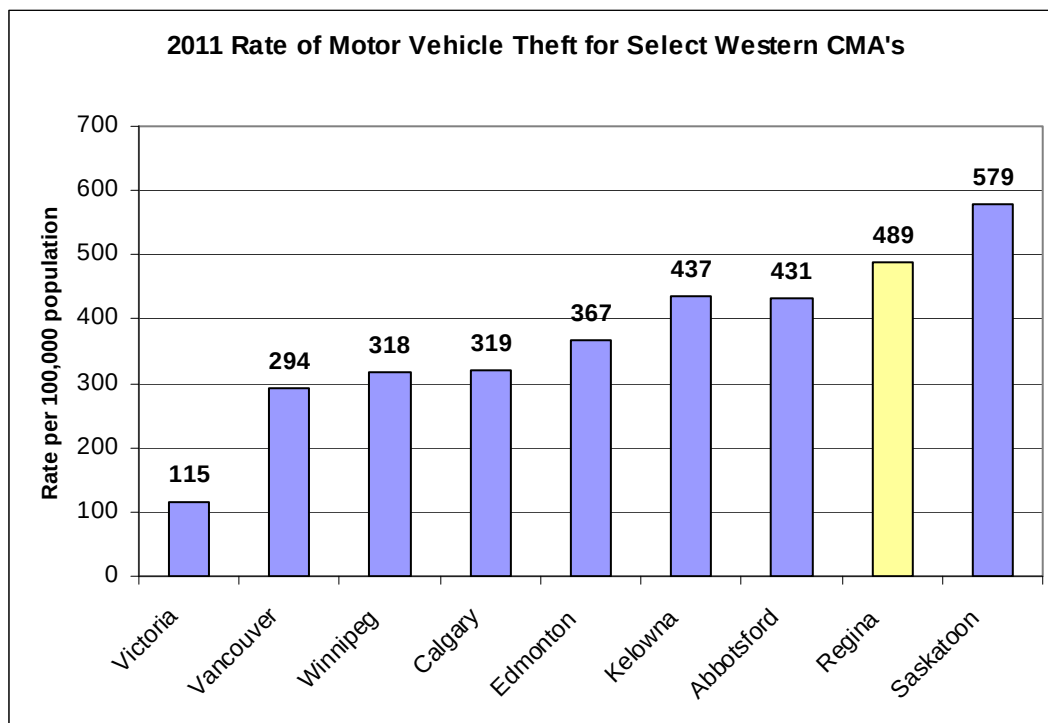


Motor Vehicle Theft

The rate of Motor Vehicle Theft from 2010 to 2011 decreased by **13%**, and 66% since 2002. Since 1991, the only year that reported a lower rate of motor vehicle theft was 1993.

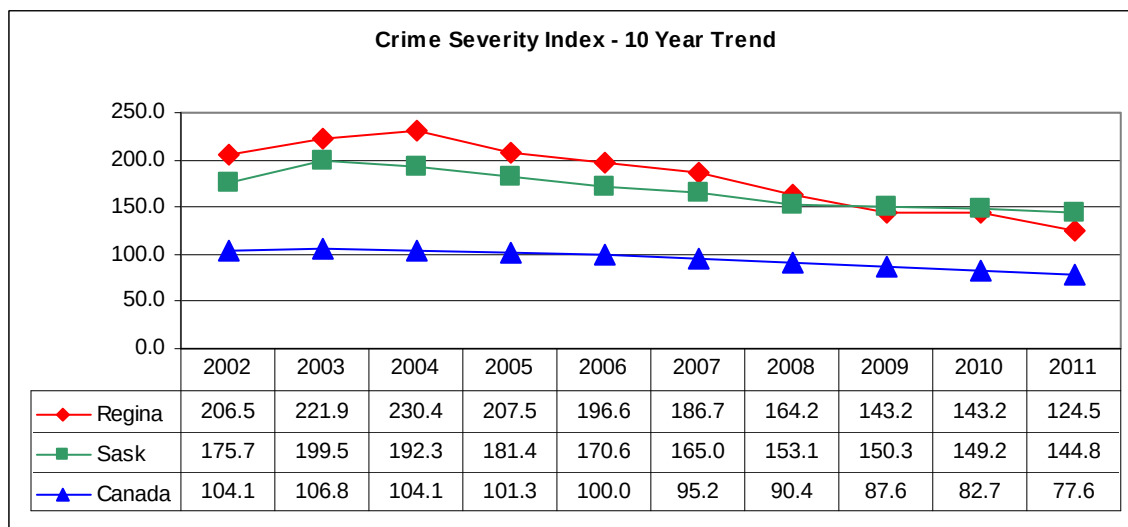


Despite these successes the rate of Motor Vehicle Theft in the Regina CMA reported the third highest rate in the country in 2011 and the second highest rate among select western CMA's. Over the last decade the reduction of motor vehicle thefts in the Regina CMA has exceeded the reduction for Canada (Regina - 66%, Canada -54%).

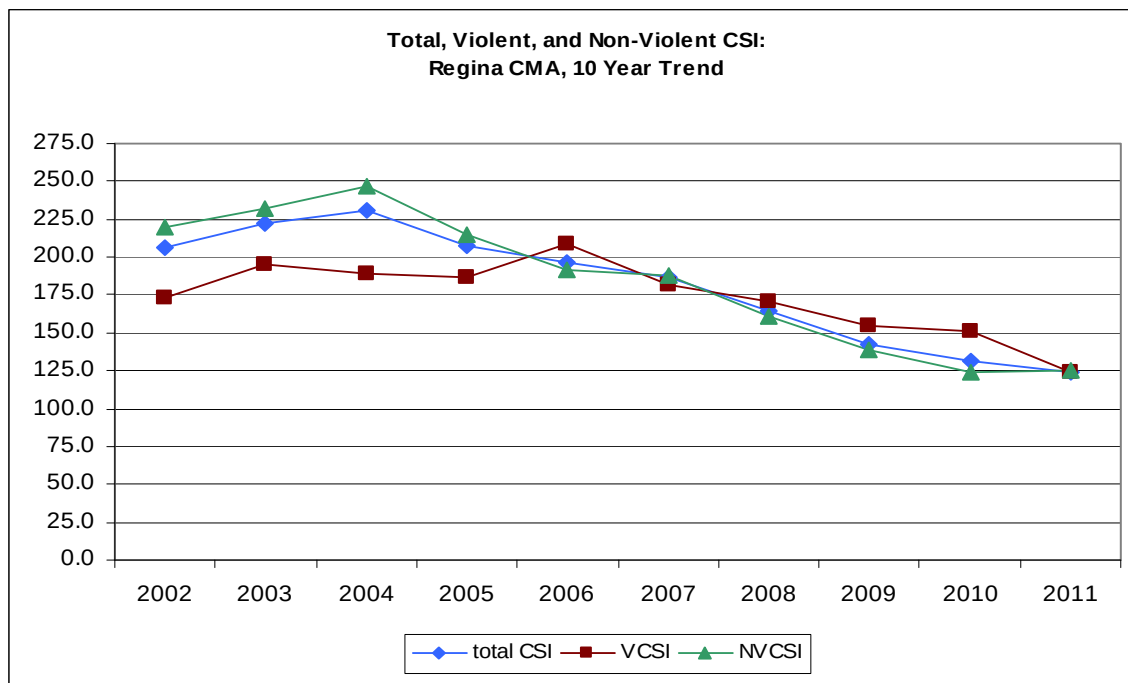


Crime Severity Index

Over the last decade, the Police Reported Crime Severity Index (PRCSI) for the Regina CMA has decreased by 40%, over twice the reduction than Saskatchewan (-18%) and almost twice that in Canada (-25%).



Despite reporting the highest total crime severity among other western CMA's, Regina reported the second highest reduction in violent crime severity among western CMA's as well as in the country from 2010 to 2011. Regina's non-violent crime severity was reported as the lowest reduction experienced in Canada over the last year.



The ten year trend of total Crime Severity has shown that the difference between the Crime Severity Index in Regina and other western Canadian CMAs compared to the CMAs in central and eastern Canada was more pronounced. In other words, there was less spread across the country in 2011 indicating that the gap between Regina and others CMA's is narrowing.

